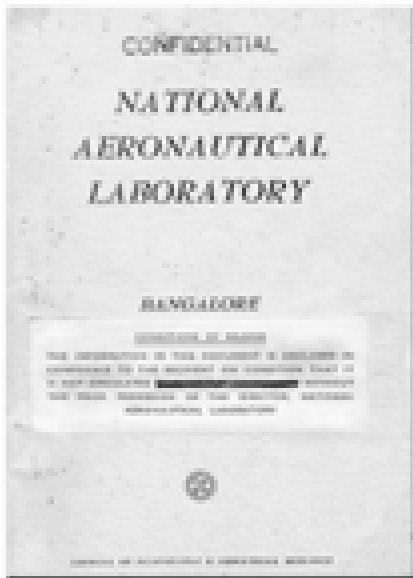


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The Mandate



a

NAL's mandate, spelt out in 1960, was the "scientific investigation of the problems of flight with a view to the practical application of the results to the design, construction and safe operation of aircraft".

A "confidential" document contained P Nilakantan's vision of NAL. NAL's first Director always kept this document locked in his personal custody.



NAL's first Director, P Nilakantan, held office from 1 June 1959 to 18 April 1964.



b

NAL's Palace Road office was also Nilakantan's residence.